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At his news conference today, Secretary of State Dean Acheson made the following statement:

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There have been some encouraging developments in Egypt since we last met together, including the reform program announced by the Egyptian Government. We are following events with much interest and we wish Prime Minister Ali Maher and his civilian and military colleagues every success in their efforts to solve the internal problems of their country.

Relations between the United States and Egypt remain most friendly and cooperative. I am hopeful that in the interest of our two countries these relations, as well as those between Egypt and all the nations of the free world, will be increased and strengthened. We look forward to an era in which new areas of cooperation and mutual benefit can be brought into being.

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